

goods, bright goods being a specialty. In addition to these, four or five brick factories are building, to be finished by the opening of the season of 1885. One of these, that of Messrs. Harris Bros., who have grown up with the town, will be, it is said, the largest plug and twist factory in the South.

Reidsville has also two smoking tobacco and cigarette factories. Her manufacturers find a market for their goods in the South and West mostly, competing and comparing favorably with the long-established factories of Virginia.

The mercantile interests of Reidsville have kept pace with that of tobacco, and the planter is no longer under the necessity of going elsewhere for his supplies. The business is represented by men of energy, judgment and capacity, who by the stocks they carry show they are up to the times, know the wants of the public, and are able to supply them. The business in this line comprises about twenty-five dry goods and grocery stores, many of them handsomely fitted up, and kept in a manner that would be creditable to a town of larger pretensions. Besides these are four drug stores, three hardware and one furniture store, five confectionery stores, two jewelry and three millinery establishments.

Other interests are represented by one bank, three hotels, a number of boarding-houses, three steam saw-mills, two grist-mills, one shuttle-block factory, two steam box factories, two lumber yards and three livery stables. A Female Seminary has been in successful operation several years, as is the Reidsville Male Academy. A district has been laid off, and legal steps taken, for the establishment of a Graded School, and which the committee hope to get under way early the coming year. There are two weekly newspapers, one opera-house, and a handsome brick market-house and town-hall. A fire department is being organized, an engine bought, and cisterns being arranged to ensure a supply of water. There are two colored, and four churches for whites, representing the Baptist, Methodist, Presbyterian and Episcopal denominations.

Reidsville has an estimated population of from 3,000 to 3,500, which is steadily on the increase, judging by the number of buildings erected the present year, amounting to more than doubly that of any previous year, and including both business houses and private residences. There is a constant demand for houses in excess of the supply, and the business of the town being now established on a sound financial basis, the outlook as to her future growth, both in